

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The Descriptive Title of the Invention has been amended as follows:

A Method of Forming A Diffusion Barrier Layer for Implantable Devices

Please insert the following section before the “**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**” section beginning on page 1:

CROSS REFERENCE

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial Number 09/750,515, which was filed on December 28, 2000.

The paragraph beginning on page 54, line 17 has been amended as follows:

The IC₅₀ (concentration at which 50% of the cells stop proliferating) of actinomycin D was 10⁻⁹M as compared to 5 x 10⁻⁵M for mitomycin and 10⁻⁶M for docetaxel. Actinomycin D was the most potent agent to prevent SMC proliferation as compared to other pharmaceutical agents.